

# St Francis of Assisi School

St Francis of Assisi School Newsletter

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**Kia ora koutou e te whānau**





**Thanks to the Paiaka Hub for the fantastic displays in the foyer.**

Lent 2017, which began on Ash Wednesday—March 1 this year—and ends during Holy Week, is traditionally seen as a time of preparation for Easter. Part of that preparation often includes fasting as a form of spiritual discipline—a practice that dates back to the early church. Lent traditionally lasts for 40 days (excluding Sundays), a time frame established after the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D.

Often Catholics talk about what they are going to give up during this time however there is a lot more to Lent than giving things up like praying, giving, and going to church more—to practice our faith.

This Lenten season we have agreed to do a school wide Lenten promise based around responsibility. We are asking the students to concentrate on being responsible for their actions and their words.

### **I will be responsible for my actions and my words.**

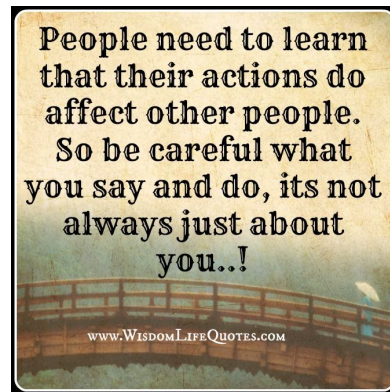
We have noticed a rise in the use of inappropriate language in the school grounds and we want the children to concentrate on ensuring that the language they use is appropriate. Appropriate means no swearing, no inappropriate jokes and no using the Lord God's name in vain.

We have also noticed a rise in the amount of rubbish that is being left around the school grounds after morning tea and lunch and we want a major focus on this as well.

It takes a month to develop a habit - and hopefully with this focus we will see a huge improvement.

Please note that during this time if your child is noticed using inappropriate language in class or in the playground they will be required to do a 30 minute rubbish duty. We will also email

you so that you are able to talk to them and support us with this. It will take all of us being onboard with this to effect a change in this area. It takes a village to raise a child.



### **Building a Vision**

On Tuesday night the Board of Trustees and the Senior Leadership team worked together to create a mission statement for our school. We spent time looking through all your contributions from last year as we really wanted to create a statement that encapsulated all your hopes and dreams for your children. We also spent time going through all the ideas that had been generated from our teaching staff.

Considering all this we wanted to create a statement that was aspirational - we wanted to dream big and have a statement that would still hold true in future years.

Our mission statement is our vision for what education should like like here at St Francis - it should be compelling to our students. We want our students to be knocking down the doors every day to get on with their learning. We need everyone to be inspired by our vision for education here; students, teachers, parents and the school community.

### **Our Mission statement:**

Choosing to be an innovative Catholic learning community that inspires  
and empowers learners to succeed.

## Principal Awards

Congratulations to:

Kākano	Paiaka	Tumu	Kaupeka
Saffron Lauren G Mimi Francesca Betty Calystah	Ryan B Julian C Eilish D Jasper	Oscar M Neila Connor B Emily C Neru Alexis E Beccy L Leo L	Bella HS Max N Naz Samantha C

### Activity Fee

Thanks to this parents who pointed out my addition error on the activity fee document. Not quite sure how it happened but we left Life Education off - several of us checked it and none of us caught the mistake!

The amount you have been billed is correct - and the correct version of the document is now on the link above.

### **Pie Collection Day**

#### **Monday 6 March**

Pies can be collected from 12.30pm. If you are available to help sort the pie orders we would be really grateful - we will sorting at 10.30am after we have returned from picking them up. Please make sure you come and get them as we do not have any freezer space at all.

### **Lost Property**

Chydale Chukwuemeka (Room 8) has lost her named school jersey.

Seb Kelly (Room 8) has lost his named school hat.

### **Year 3 / 4 Miniball**

Just a reminder that \$31.00 subs are due now. Please pay online - reference miniball or pay to office in a marked envelope.

## **Road Safety**

Please reiterate to your child road safety practices as they travel to and from school. The Road Patrol is not supervised until 8.30am in the mornings and many children are being dropped off before this. Please ensure your children get into school safely.

Please also ensure that you do not drive into the church carpark - you also need to encourage your children to walk up the painted lines through the carpark and not up the driveways. We are organising to have this strip repainted but in the meantime we need you to ensure your children are safe. The area behind the church is not a drop off and pick up area.

## **PTA Notices**

### **Cheese Rolls**

Next term the PTA will be holding a Cheese Roll Fundraiser - Mark your diaries - Sunday 21st May - we will need as many helpers on the day. Look out for the forms in first week of Term 2.

### **2nd Hand Uniform Sale**

The PTA will be holding a 2nd Hand Uniform sale on the 12th April (last week of term.) We are running low on Girl uniforms both blouses and pinafores as well as Jerseys and sports tops, if you have any old uniform items at home or know of past students who may not need them anymore please pop them in a bag and drop them off in the school office, any donations are greatly accepted.

### **Winter Socks**

The PTA will be pre-ordering the boys winter socks again this year, soon a google form will be sent out and will need to be complete by the 15th May. Sorry no late orders can be accepted.

The PTA currently have a stock of the smaller sizes Boys Winter socks (\$10.50 per pair) and Girls navy blue socks (\$8.50 per pair) available for purchase now Jr10-12 13-2 and 3-5 please contact Kelly at [kellyvw@gmail.com](mailto:kellyvw@gmail.com)

## **Parish Notices**

### **First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion Programme**

Children who have been baptised and are in Year 4 and up are invited to prepare to make their First Reconciliation and First Communion. Please sign up on the clipboard in the church foyer.

### **Road Patrol**

More helpers are needed urgently, please contact Phil Bell, email [phil.clarebell@gmail.com](mailto:phil.clarebell@gmail.com).  
Thanks

**Parent Group**

Invitation to all parents to meet on Tuesday 7th March for a cuppa in the staffroom at 9.00. Great chance to meet new families.

**Gathering after Mass on Sunday**

Join us on the 5th March after 9am Mass for a play at Melvern Park. This is an open invitation to all families in the Parish and school. Bring some morning tea and join us after Mass (10:15am) at the playground.

**Date for the Diary**

Mums Retreat Morning Saturday 18th March. Leave the kids at home and join us for some time out and prayer.

**The Arts Opportunities****Out of School Music Lessons****Shirley District Music School**

There are some available slots at the Shirley District Music School for instrument lessons out of school time. The lessons are discounted at \$160 for the school year and tutors can help with organising instrument hire. The lessons begin next week and are held at Shirley Intermediate. The following instruments have available slots:

Guitar

Drums

Clarinet

Saxophone

Brass

Keyboard (limited availability depending on tutors timetable)

Please contact Delwyn as soon as possible at [delwynm@sis.school.nz](mailto:delwynm@sis.school.nz) or phone her on 0211019063 and quote St Francis of Assisi.

**Violin Lessons**

Lucienne Shelley is available to teach violin between 4pm - 7pm Monday to Thursday. She is located in St Albans. Lessons cost \$30 for a 30 minute individual lesson. Please contact her at [lucienneshelley@gmail.com](mailto:lucienneshelley@gmail.com) if you are interested.

**Christchurch Music School (CSM)**

CSM provides some fantastic opportunities for instrument lessons outside of school. For further information, please refer to their website: [www.csm.org.nz](http://www.csm.org.nz)

## **Community Notices**

### **St Francis of Assisi**

St Francis of Assisi School has registered on the Olympic Schools Program. ANZ and the New Zealand Olympic Committee are proud to support St Francis of Assisi School in its mission to inspire and motivate young New Zealanders to achieve excellence through the Olympic Schools Programme.

The Olympic Schools program has been developed by ANZ with the NZ Olympic committee to inspire & motivate NZ's youth. Your school will be provided with resources & merchandise to provide opportunities, activities & incentives for students to live the Olympic values.

How does it work? When a Home Loan or business loan is drawn down by any parent, teacher or friend of St Francis of Assisi School the school will receive 800 credits to redeem at the ANZ Awards centre. The awards centre has a variety of items ranging from sports equipment to the latest computer technology. The school will receive 800 credits for every successful drawdown of a new Home Loan, business loan or top up with ANZ over \$50000. 800 credits equates to \$400 of purchasing power in the ANZ awards centre. When your first loan is drawn an Olympian will come to your school & work with the teachers to deliver a memorable Olympic experience for all students.

Your school can also request personalised letters of encouragement from an Olympian. These will be written directly to a nominated student and will recognise individual student potential and provide added encouragement to them in their pursuit of excellence, whether academic or sporting.

The person drawing down the loan just needs to contact myself or let the staff member at ANZ know they want the credits to go to your school. We will then register the points. We will send you a statement of your points every 2 months.

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### **How can I find out more?**

Please contact Rebecca Snelgar at ANZ Merivale branch on 368 2489 for more information or [rebecca.snelgar@anz.com](mailto:rebecca.snelgar@anz.com)

# St Francis of Assisi Netball Club



## Fun – Fitness - Friendship

Want to play netball? Come and join St Francis of Netball Club

If your daughter or son would like to play this season, please contact Chantelle McCrostie  
[chantelles@rocketmail.com](mailto:chantelles@rocketmail.com) for registration details or visit the club website <http://sporty.co.nz/sfoa?em=0>

Netball is for children from Years 3-8 and is played at Hagley Netball Courts.

Uniforms are provided and all abilities catered for.



Like us on Facebook to be kept up to date - search for 'St Francis of Assisi Netball Club' or type in the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Francis-of-Assisi-Netball-Club-683113305163334/?fref=nf>

## Marist Albion Rugby

Marist Albion would like to welcome those wanting to play junior rugby this season. Registrations are open and can be completed online at [www.maristalbion.co.nz](http://www.maristalbion.co.nz) or on February 27 and March 13 (5-7pm) at our clubrooms located in the Papanui Bowls Club, 181 Condell Avenue, Papanui. Our family-friendly club caters for players aged U6-U13. Membership enquiries can be directed to Brendon Feary 021 2264003 or Steve Kinder 027 2716671.

## Marist Hockey

### Boys Open Evening Year 1-6

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 4.00-6.00pm**

Join us at Marist Park Turf @ St Bedes (Entrance off Momorangi Crescent) where our Marist coaches will take you for a fun hockey session.

We have spaces available in all grades for new players to join Marist Hockey Club for the 2017 season. All registration and player information will be available at this session or visit our website [www.maristhockey.co.nz](http://www.maristhockey.co.nz) for trial dates and updated information.

Just bring along your sports shoes, mouth guard, shin pads and we will provide everything else.

For further information please contact Junior Club Captain - Philippa Grey [dpmcgreyc@gmail.com](mailto:dpmcgreyc@gmail.com)

# MARIST HOCKEY CLUB

# **2017 JUNIOR CLUB REGISTRATION / OPEN DAY**

## **Sunday 12th March 10.00-3pm @ Marist Park**

Marist Hockey Junior Club welcomes all our returning and new players for the 2017 season

Teams are available in all grades for Years 3-8 and Fun Sticks Programme for Years 1 & 2

Come along to:

- Register for 2017 season
- Meet your 2017 Marist Hockey Committee, club captains and grade coordinators
- Full information on grades available
- Subscription Fees can be paid by cash, Eftpos
- Boys Adidas socks available for purchase
- Marist hoodies available to purchase
- Girls Marist socks available to purchase

Sausage Sizzle

For pre-season skills and trial information please go to Marist Hockey Club

[www.maristhockey.co.nz](http://www.maristhockey.co.nz) and like us on Facebook

Registrations are now open for 2017 season, so please go to our website - Registration Login link:

- Returning Players – Log In then Registration Renewal
- New Players – click on New Registration

We look forward to seeing you and if you have any queries please contact: Philippa Grey Junior Boys Club Captain [dpmcgre@gmail.com](mailto:dpmcgre@gmail.com) Heather McEwan [he.mcewan@gmail.com](mailto:he.mcewan@gmail.com)



# Southern Cross Irish Dance



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## Beginner Classes

### Tuesdays

4pm-5pm  
(from 28th Feb 2017 onwards)

Christchurch Irish Society Hall  
29 Domain Tce, Spreydon

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### Saturdays

10am-11am  
(from 4th March 2017 onwards)

St Mary's Church Hall  
329 Halswell Rd, Halswell

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Great for kids to gain confidence, co-ordination and rhythm

To book, contact  
Shannon & Argène on 022 040 3109,  
[southerncrossirishdance@gmail.com](mailto:southerncrossirishdance@gmail.com)

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